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ELECT CARTER

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT
JIMMY CARTER TO PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI:

QUOTE:

DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER:

YOUR WARM AND FRIENDLY MESSAGE HAS BEEN GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.
IT IS A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO ME AS I PREPARE TO ASSUME
THE PRESIDENCY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES
OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS TRUE, AS
YOU NOTED, THAT OUR COUNTRIES HAVE HAD THEIR DIFFERENCES
IN THE PAST. YET I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE CLOSE RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES, DATING BACK OVER
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THE PAST THIRTY YEARS, WILL ENDURE AND BE STRENGTHENED, IN
A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT.

IT WAS DEEPLY TOUCHING TO READ YOUR REFERENCE TO MY
MOTHER'S VOLUNTEER WORK IN INDIA. SHE HAS, AS DO SO
MANY AMERICANS, A GREAT LOVE FOR YOUR COUNTRY.

MRS. CARTER AND I ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CORDIAL INVITATION TO VISIT INDIA. WHILE WE HAVE NO CURRENT PLANS FOR OFFICIAL VISITS ABROAD IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, WE WILL BEAR YOUR KIND INVITATION IN MIND.

WITH BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

A SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW VIA POUCH.

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